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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

It will be a satisfaction to myself, and a duty, I think, to others, that, before I retire from the office of Bursar of St. Augustine's, which I have all along held with the Wardenship, I should address to the Subscribers a few "last words" on financial matters connected with the College. I desire to do this the rather, because I have never yet issued anything of the nature of a periodical Treasurer's Report. And when I say "Subscribers," I mean all those who at any previous time, as well as at the present, "have contributed of their substance towards the establishment and continuance of this Missionary College."

This thought at once carries me back to the beginning of things, before I was myself officially connected with the College; when the marvellous exertions of the Rev. Edward Coleridge, and the munificent donations in succession made by Mr. Beresford Hope, of site, of adjoining ground and buildings, of the chapel, of £3,000 towards the general fund, evoked a like spirit in others, of all classes and degrees. Royalty contributed in the persons of her gracious Majesty the Queen, the Prince Consort, and the good Queen Dowager. The prelates of the Church, headed by the Archbishops Howley, Vernon Harcourt, Beresford, and Bishop Blomfield, gave, almost without exception, handsome donations. Amongst the laity the most conspicuous names were Mr. J. C. Sharpe, the Banker, the Rt. Hon. Sidney Herbert, Sir John Patteson, and others; amongst peeresses and ladies, the Countess of Pembroke, the Marchioness of Bath, the Misses Mitford; amongst the clergy, who as usual were forward and liberal in their sub-

scriptions, were “First fruits of an unexpected Legacy,” the Rev. John Keble, and the well known Edward Bickersteth, who joyfully gave his offering “towards the establishment of a College which was to train Missionaries after a frugal manner.” And lastly, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and many Colleges at Oxford, gave money out of their general funds.

And thus the sum total grew, till it had reached £32,000, with which were paid the expenses of the Collegiate buildings and their furniture, and a surplus of £19,000, which was invested for a partial endowment. This, however, would have been quite insufficient, but for handsome subscriptions promised, some for five years, and some (I am thankful to say) continuing to this day. The sum of £35 paid yearly for each Student for board and lodging, never over much, soon proved too little, owing to the increased cost of provisions.

When I entered upon my duties in February, 1850, I found that many promised donations were still outstanding, as was natural at that early date; and it was my first employment, not a very easy one, to collect them. The money thus got in enabled us to make a most valuable acquisition to the College, in the purchase of the Cemetery Gate, and the remaining half of the old Pleasance of the Palace, now the Warden and Fellows' garden.

I could not deny myself the pleasure, at that time, of providing and placing in the Library a series of Benefaction Boards, with full lists of the chief names which we wished to keep in grateful remembrance.

I found the recommendation of the Statute, that the Warden should be also Bursar, a great advantage; for it enabled me to nurse and economize the funds, and to increase them in many ways, which it is not now worth describing. The Subscriptions also voluntarily offered, (for no solicitation was ever made for them) enabled us to augment our available balance; and in 1853 we employed it, and some of the funded property

which (by consent of the Visitor) we sold out, in the purchase of about ninety acres of eligible ground near Canterbury, free from buildings of any kind, and admirably adapted for our purpose. Some years after (1868) we improved this possession of the College by the purchase of an acre of land lying in the midst of it, and which had been offered for sale.

In the year 1861 we purchased a house in the High Street of Canterbury; a good investment.

From time to time we were able to add something to the Consols, deposited at the Bank of England to our credit.

In 1866 we had an unexpected opportunity of purchasing a piece of ground at the back of the College, comprising the sites of the Abbey Cloisters, the Refectory of the Monks, and the adjoining hexagonal Kitchen. It cost us a large sum, but it was a very important matter to secure this land, as an encroachment had been made upon it at the erection of the Library in 1845.

A handsome legacy of £500, from the late Mrs. Gregory, of Bridge Hill, materially assisted us at this time, as did also, a little later, one of the same amount from Miss Catherine Hichens.

In 1869, finding that we were carrying on our household arrangements at a certain and indeed increasing loss, we raised the Battels for each Student from £35 to £40 a year, securing thereby (and not before it was necessary) a considerable amount of increase to our corporate funds.

The Legacies which have come in to the College since its foundation have been about four or five. By far the most munificent was that of the late Canon Gilbert, of Lincoln, who made us his residuary legatees, besides giving us his books and other effects.

Another source of income to the College, more gratifying than any of those which have been mentioned, took its origin from the first day of Intercession for Missions in 1872. That year was remarkable for the Missionary enthusiasm

which was called forth all over the country. The amount of Offertories which was then sent us, without any seeking of our own, was upwards of £500, and proved most useful, as a fund out of which to help poor Students, till it was all spent. The Offertories of subsequent years, as was natural, were considerably less; and last year's was but £73. The disposition of the money, however, has been made every year, in some way or other, for the benefit of the College. And we have to thank God not only for the pecuniary benefit, but for "the administration of this service," as being "abundant by many thanksgivings unto God," "the abundant grace through the thanksgiving of many redounding to the glory of God."

On two occasions, and on two only, has the College made a special, and happily successful, appeal to the Church in general. The first, in 1860, for the erection of a new wing for the reception of additional Students, especially of natives of foreign parts who were then expected, and for the endowment withal of an additional Fellowship needed for the supervision and instruction of our increased numbers; the second, in 1873 after our semi-jubilee, for the endowment of an Oriental Fellowship.

The result is that there is now a sufficient endowment for a Warden, Sub-warden, and three Fellows, with something to spare for necessary repairs of buildings and other contingencies.

Numerous Exhibitions have been founded, of which the Corporation is the trustee, or to which the Warden nominates, for the benefit of the Students. I subjoin a List, with the respective dates of the foundation.

YEAR

1848. Six, of £10 a year each, by the late Mrs. Sheppard (sister of the late President Routh, of Magdalen College, Oxford), by a gift of £2,000 in the Three per cent. Consols.
1848. One, by the late Rev. H. J. Hutchesson, a gift of

£1,000 sterling ; the value of which has been augmented by balance and general exhibition funds, till it has been made to yield £40 a year.

1849. A sum of £2,347 was placed in trust by the S.P.C.K., yielding an income of a little over £64, which is divided among three Students, on the nomination of the College, and their confirmation by the Society.
1850. A fund was started by the Leicester Committee of the S.P.C.K. and S.P.G., and in 1856 the Consols, in which it was invested, were made over to the College ; it has since been augmented, and now yields an income of £42 a year. Preference is to be given to natives of the old Diocese of Peterborough ; and it is to be regretted that these have not been more ready to take advantage of it.
1851. A sum of money was collected from the friends of Bishop Coleridge, the first Warden of the College, as a Memorial Scholarship to be named after him. It is of the value of £20 a year.
1851. This being a Jubilee year of the S.P.G., the Committee set apart a sum of money for the endowment of three Students for India and the East. The Society has since endowed three more. All on this foundation are expected to put themselves absolutely at the disposal of the Warden and the Society for their destination. The Society is very anxious to have these Studentships always filled up, which has not often been the case.
1852. A desire having for some time been growing in the Diocese of Worcester to mark the respect and attachment felt towards the memory of Queen Adelaide, (perhaps through the fact of her Chaplain, Rev. J. Kyle Wood, being a Canon of Worcester), it took the form of an Exhibition to St. Augustine's, through the exertions of some friends of mine. And the

- result was a fund of £800, which has from that day to the present been lent on mortgage at 5 per cent.
1853. The friends and admirers of Bishop Broughton, of Sydney, who indeed was the first to suggest the idea of a Missionary College, after securing a handsome Monumental Memorial in Canterbury Cathedral, where he lies buried, applied the surplus (£1,000) towards the endowment of a Broughton Scholarship in the College, which now by augmentation yields £40 a year, and is always given for the support of a Student going to, perhaps also having come from, Australia.
1857. The Rev. H. J. Hutchesson generously founded a second Exhibition by the gift of £1,000 Three per cent. Consols, expressing his desire in the deed of foundation that it should be given in preference to a Candidate from the Clergy Orphan School, and then in turn to any Clergyman's Orphan, or to the son of any living Clergyman. The income is now raised to £40 a year. And it is with no small regret I report, that we have had but one Exhibitioner from the Clergy School on this foundation for twenty years.
1870. The Students' Memorial Scholarship of £25 a year was a thank offering from myself for the mercies of the past twenty years since the day of my appointment. I designed it to be "adjudged to a Student *propter merita*," and I should be glad if this distinction can be still observed.
1872. Mrs. Clarke, widow of a former Archdeacon of Wilts, who had twenty years before told me of her intention, died this year, and by her will left the College the sum of £1,000 for the foundation of an Exhibition for the sons of Clergymen. We have now made it £35 a year.
1875. The Rev. Canon Gilbert, our own generous benefactor,

had for many years before his death arranged, by his will, to found three Exhibitions to cover the Battels of three Students for ever, without preference or distinction, by a sum of £1,000 in the Three per cents. And his noble bequest became available this year.

In addition to these Exhibitions, the College is trustee for some other useful funds, raised by ourselves or our friends; *e. g.*, a Prize fund for books to the most deserving Students; the Ernest Hawkins Memorial Fund for the same object; and a Students' Passage Fund, for supplying grants to out-going Students, in particular cases, where other means fail, in aid of their passage to their destination.

The financial assistance to the College which results from the several Missionary Studentship Associations established happily through the country is, I need not say, very considerable, and very valuable. But I will refer, for any further remarks on this subject, to another portion of these "Last Words," which is prefixed to a "Combined Report" of these Associations, just issued from our College Press.

Another class of donors, in the case of such an Institution as St. Augustine's, calls for separate and especial mention and acknowledgment. Starting with a magnificent room for a Library, and yet without any funds for the purchase of books, we should have presented a poor figure, but for the generous donations of books made to us from year to year. The earliest of these donors was Mrs. Horne, of Gore Court; she was followed by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the S.P.C.K., the Bible Society, the Rev. W. F. Wits, A. J. B. Beresford-Hope, Esq., Joshua Watson, Esq., Sir Bartle Frere, Mrs. Matheson, and many others. The Sub-warden, with loyal and characteristic diligence, has made out a complete list of donors to the Library for preservation and reference. A few works have been purchased. We have now a most valuable collection of works of all sorts, to the number of 11,000. I need not remark how very useful,

not only to ourselves, who are on the Staff, but to the Students also, our Library has proved ; nor how valuable an element in their mental education the very presence and sight of such a collection of literature supplies. A gift of useful books, or of money for the purchase of books, is always an acceptable thing to us.

Once more, there are benefactors, not of money, or of books, but of time and professional skill, which they have freely devoted to the service of the College. One such must be here mentioned by name, because he is prominent among them, occupying an unique place indeed, as having gratuitously and cheerfully given full courses of Medical Lectures and Instruction for the space of 26 years, to the successive generations of our Senior Students. Most readers of this paper will understand I mean Dr. Loché, Physician to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. The benefit is so self-evident, that it does not need any words to prove it. But it is necessary I should linger awhile on the subject, because it is at this point I have to turn round from the past to the future ; from grateful reflection on benefits already received, to the contemplation of measures which need to be taken for the welfare of the College in times to come.

Dr. Loché, on learning my intentions last year, said to me, "You were the one to ask me in 1850 to occupy this office, and when you give up I shall give up, so that your successor may be free to make such arrangements as he may think best for the medical education of the Students." Happily there is a fund of £50 a year, provided by the liberality of Archdeacon and Mrs. Huxtable, which is available for this purpose, having been hitherto employed in assisting Ex-Students during a course of attendance at some London Hospital, before going abroad. And I cannot doubt that a sufficient augmentation of this fund could be easily obtained, either by an annual offertory in London at some suitable time and Church, or by special subscriptions, till an annual sum

was collected for the remuneration of the services of a competent Lecturer. Looking into the future, this object seems to me the first in importance to secure without any delay.

Another measure, though not of like urgency with the preceding, ought not, I venture to think, to be lost sight of. The design expressed in the Charter, that the College Staff is to consist ultimately of Six Fellows, and the condition and prospects of the Mohammedan population in our Eastern possessions, seem to point to the desirableness of endowing, what I have elsewhere called, a Moslem Fellowship. This I hope may be an accomplished fact before very long.

I may add a few words here on another subject. The College Statutes contain several paragraphs about the Advowsons of Benefices which they evidently contemplated might be given to the Corporation, and the conditions on which they were to be available for Members of the College. Modelled as St. Augustine's was upon the plan of a College at one of our ancient Universities, it was no doubt considered that College Livings formed an essential part of the ideal of the Institution. As a matter of fact, however, no Livings have been made over to the College; nor has any member of the Staff anything to retire upon, in case he wishes, or is constrained by circumstances, to do so. Nor, again, has the College anything in its gift to reward a deserving Student in his declining years, after bearing the burden and heat of the day in conducting a Mission among the heathen. The Rev. Ernest Hawkins of the S.P.G. pleaded hard, at the beginning of the College, for some advantage of this kind, but it was not gained. True it is, as St. Bernard said, "*Non est cur fines timeant, qui sibi in cælo thesaurizant*"; but yet the Church should look after the interests, more than it has done hitherto, of those of her Missionaries who occupy the out-posts of danger and responsibility.

I have thought it right to allude to this subject without offering any reflections, but it has an obvious and intimate

bearing upon the selection and maintenance of a succession of Sub-wardens and Fellows in future years. Their modest needs, as single men, while in College, may be supposed to be fairly supplied, though no more; but prospect for the future they have none. I am myself the one fortunate exception, being, through the kindness of the Archbishop, about to remove to a country living, which, though it will give me full employment, will be, I trust, within the compass of my remaining powers.

But the introduction of myself in these terms reminds me that I had better draw these observations to a close, and without more words tender my warmest thanks to all those who have at any time contributed, in any of the afore-said ways, to increase the funds and property of St. Augustine's College:—my thanks, not only for what has been given, but also for the manner in which it has been given, spontaneous, with unquestioning confidence, truly gratifying, and calling for special thanksgiving to God. And thus, my numerous friends known and unknown, I make you a final bow of gratitude, and as I retire from the Bursarship of St. Augustine's, I would take upon my lips some musings of Archbishop Trench, which truly express my present feelings:—

“What wonder, . . . if I cannot restrain
Some sadness, turning from these haunts away,
A momentary sadness, yet which brings
Thanksgiving with it, gratitude for this,
That where we live, we cannot choose but love.”

HENRY BAILEY.

*Warden's Lodge,
St. Peter's Day, 1878.*

